"(c) The exemptions have been granted to avoid inconvenience to the public and in view of the Special nature of certain employments.

"(d) The exemptions have been granted under sections 6 and 32 (3) of the Act.

"(e) No, Sir. The views of the employees were not ascertained but their interests were always kept in view.

"(f) No, Sir. The Act does not require previous publication of proposals for exemption."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that exemptions granted at the request of employers are likely to lead to strikes and other forms of protest by employees, will the Government consider the desirability of affording reasonable opportunity to the employees to present their case before passing orders granting exemption? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Certain establishments like the advocates' chambers, doctors' consulting rooms, and dispensaries and hospitals have been exempted. In cases where exemptions have been granted, the interests of workers have always been kept in view and sufficient safeguards have been taken to see that the interests of workers do not in the least suffer."

Rayalaseema Co-operative Enquiry Committee.

* 105 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have arrived at decisions on the various recommendations of the Rayalaseema Co-operative Enquiry Committee?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) The recommendations of the Committee relating to the financing of agriculturists for long and short terms and the reorganization and supervision of the village primary societies in Rayalaseema are still under the consideration of the Government. As regards the other recommendations, orders have already been issued by the Government."

Action taken against the Panchayat Board, Buchireddipalayam.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any petitions have been received by the Government alleging mismanagement and misuse of the funds of the Panchayat Board, Buchireddipalayam in Nellore district;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to enquire into those petitions; and

(c) if a report is received, what action the Government propose to take?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) Yes; a petition from the hon. Member was received by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

" (b) The allegations made in the petition have been inquired into and a report of the enquiry has been received.

" (c) The nature of the action to be taken is under consideration."

Proposal to close down the museum in the Pudukottai State.

* 107 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a museum in the Pudukottai State which has since been merged in the Madras Province;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to close down the museum;

(c) if so, what arrangements are proposed to be made to safeguard the antiquities and where they are proposed to be kept;

(d) whether it is a fact that they are archæologically very valuable for the study of monuments in the State; and

(e) what facilities are being offered to scholars who wish to study these antiquities in relation to the monuments?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (a) Yes.

" (b) The answer is in the negative.

" (c) Does not arise.

" (d) The antiquities no doubt serve to create interest in the monuments of Pudukkottai.

" (e) The Government of India will give the scholars all the facilities which they give in other parts of India to study the ancient monuments and the antiquities relating to them, when the ancient monuments of Pudukottai are taken over by the Department of Archaeology of the Government of India. The Government are not aware whether any scholar has applied for such facilities in the transitional period."

Hostels for the students in the City.

* 108 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government in order to implement the recommendation of the Housing Committee to establish hostels for the students studying in the City of Madras;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the accommodation provided for in the hostels attached to some of the colleges is quite insufficient for all the students studying therein; and